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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attorney Docket  
No:  
92030/03-701

Application Serial Number:  
10/812,837

Filing Date:  
03/30/2004

Examiner:  
Stewart, Alvin J.

Art Unit:  
3738

Invention: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR FACILITATING CONTROLLED BONE GROWTH OR REPAIR

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	71	MINUS	54	17	\$25.00	\$ 425.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	20	MINUS	11	9	\$100.00	\$ 900.00

X Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of May 24, 2006 to and through June 24, 2006, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

X one month (\$60.00)             three months (\$510.00)  
       two months (\$225.00)             four months (\$795.00)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$1,385.00

X Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 was previously established.

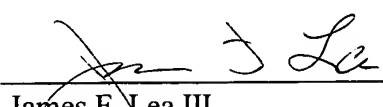
       A check in the amount of \$        is attached.

X Form PTO-2038 (Credit Card Pay Form) is attached authorizing the Commissioner to charge \$1,325.00. The Amendment Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

X The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0540.

       No additional fee is required.

June 26, 2006  
Date

  
James F. Lea III  
Reg. No. 41,143

PTO Customer No. 22206

I hereby certify that this Correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope address to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 26, 2006.

  
Amy C. Walker



PATENT  
Application No. 10/812,837  
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Amendment

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/812,837  
Applicant: Malone  
Filed: 03/30/2004  
Title: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR FACILITATING  
CONTROLLED BONE GROWTH OR REPAIR

Confirmation No.: 3121 Customer No.: 22206  
Examiner: Stewart, Alvin J. TC/A.U.: 3738

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

*Introductory Comments*

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 with sufficient postage as first class mail by Amy C. Walker.

Date: June 26, 2006

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01 FC:2201 900.00 OP  
02 FC:2202 425.00 OP

06/30/2006 GWORDDF1 00000004 10812837

03 FC:2251 60.00 OP

Attached (in duplicate) is the Amendment Transmittal Letter. Applicant submits this Amendment under the one (1) month Extension of Time. Applicant submits this Amendment with seventeen (17) excess total claims and eleven (11) excess independent claims which have not yet been funded. The amounts due are \$60 for the Extension of Time and \$425 for the total claims and \$900 for the independent claims which total \$1,385. Also attached is Credit Card Payment Form (PTO -2038) to attend payment of the fees. If any additional fee(s) is required by virtue of the filing of this paper, please consider this a general authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0540 for the same; likewise instructions hold for any refunds or credits.